GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4597
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Losses to Railways
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways incur a loss of 25,000 crores per year on account of passengers' fare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan of the Government to reduce this loss and to earn profit;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any responsibility in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4597 BY DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2017 REGARDING LOSSES TO RAILWAYS

(a) & (b): Overall, Railways are making losses on passenger operations every year. The losses incurred on this account in the last 5 years are as under.

Year	Losses (in crore)
2011-12	23932
2012-13	26831
2013-14	32067
2014-15	33491
2015-16	35918

The losses incurred on account of passengers' fare are not separately maintained.
(c): Evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalisation of passenger fare structure is an on-going process. In case of new trains such as Humsafar and Antyodaya Express, dynamic fare structure has been introduced to increase earnings. Flexi fare scheme has also earlier been introduced in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto train w.e.f. 09.09.2016. Railways also run special trains on special charges over and above the normal time tabled trains. Suvidha trains with variable fares run over and above the normal time-tabled trains to meet surge in demand during peak seasons, holiday seasons and festivals.
(d) & (e): Do not arise.
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